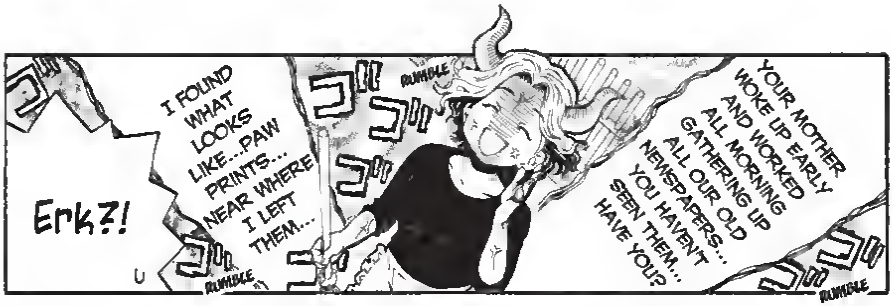
ゴォーン…
GONG
ゴォーン…
GONG
ゴォーン…
GONG
Holmes...
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
...
Do you suppose it was...
...Murder?!
SHERLOCK BONES

WHIRL
IT IS AS YOU SEE IT, WATSON.

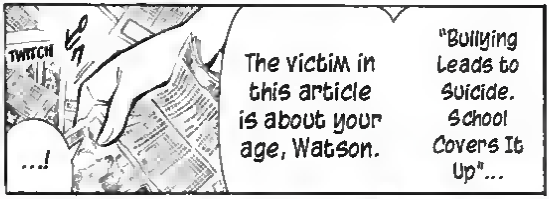
A dogz!
!!

Uwaaa aahh?!
おくばっ
JOLT
Where did all these papers come from?!!
ばっさー
CLUTTER
...erk!!
RUSTLE
Aaaahhhh!!
Good morning, Watson.
DU DUN
じゃーん
It... it was just a dream...
Huff, huff...
I took the liberty of reading them all, as a study of Modern society as well as the Japanese language.
Yes. I found the papers outside your front door.
And it's Sherlock!
Shut up
Did you make this mess, Sherdog?
...BUT IT'S NOT A DREAM.
IT WAS A DREAM...
GLOOM
I see your new life hasn't improved your sleeping habits.
F-front door...?
玄関...?
...
?!
TAAAKEEERUUU!
たーけーるー
They're... they're not the papers Mom was getting ready to toss...?


Erk?!
I FOUND WHAT LOOKS LIKE...PAW PRINTS... NEAR WHERE I LEFT THEM...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
YOUR MOTHER WOKE UP EARLY AND WORKED ALL MORNING GATHERING UP ALL OUR OLD NEWSPAPERS... YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THEM... HAVE YOU?
RUMBLE

He went to My school.
...Yeah.
What?

Still...I see you can find deplorable occurrences in any age.
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
JUMP!
Aw, crap! Mom's really Mad!
I've seen them, I've seen them! I'm picking them up right now!


TWITCH
...!
The victim in this article is about your age, Watson.
"Bullying Leads to Suicide. School Covers It Up"...

He was a first-year, so he was a year younger than me.
Actually he was my teacher's son
But I'm the only one who knows that.

KYAAAA!
きゃー
?!
...
You could try listening to people, Sherdog...
...Hey, where'd you go?!
TREMBLE
No cooking!!
Oh, well, I was hungry, so I thought I'd cook up some ham and eggs.
And my name is Sher-lock...
ベっちょリ
SPLORCH
Waaaah?! What are you doing, Sherdog?!
KYAAAA!
?!
きゃー
It's way too early in the morning for me to deal with all this.
MUTTER
Ugh... I don't care if he is the reincarnation of a famous detective.
Do that outside!!
Don't!!
STINK
TREMBLE
Eh?
Isn't it obvious?! Close the door, you savage!!
And the name is Sherlock...
SPLURT
Gaaaah!! What are you doing, Sherdog?!

What?! No... anything but that!!
If I left you at home, you'd be back at the animal shelter before school got out...
Man, Mom was really mad...
...Hey.
MURMUR
MURMUR
...
That's Sherlock. ...And there's not enough room!
Your tail's sticking out of my bag!! Hide it!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
Hey!
...
Sher-dog.

Kyaaaa aaaaaa!!

Hey, look at that.
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
Who...?
...
...
...
What have I done?!
DON
Uh...um, Wajima-kun.
What is that dog doing there?
Karen Kikuchi
(38)
Takeru's homeroom and PE teacher

Y...yes, Kikuchi-sensei!
...This is Sh... sh-sh...sher...
...
...Sher...
DUN
Surely you've heard of... those talking toy dogs...?
I'M so stupid! There's no way I can lie about him all day!
I...I'M sorry, Kikuchi-sensei... He just followed me...
BLUSH
...Oh really?
But...
He is a cute little puppy! ♡
PET なでなで
Huh?

Despite your youthful appearance, I can see that you are in your late thirties.
Wh... what?
Ooh!
And you are quite the beauty!
You are no doubt a former swimmer who now teaches physical education!!
Judging from the scent of chlorine permeating your skin and the firmness of your muscles...
Which tells me that you are a divorcée!
But a close inspection of your left ring finger reveals a slight constriction under the second knuckle.
You aren't wearing a wedding ring,

That...
...
...
How's that?
Note: All she hears is barking.
?
Sensei!
MURMUR
Send him away? Like he's human?
MURMUR
No, like his wife.
He doesn't even have a girlfriend.
I think you're going too easy on him!
But remember your math teacher, Ishikawa-sensei, hates dogs, so...
A.. anyway, I don't mind having him here in homeroom.
THAT'S RIGHT...
He scares me...
DUH
Y-yes, ma'am!! I'll send him away!
Wha-?! That jerk.
PANIC
WHH
WOOHOO
I know you guys have kissed and everything, but come on! ♡

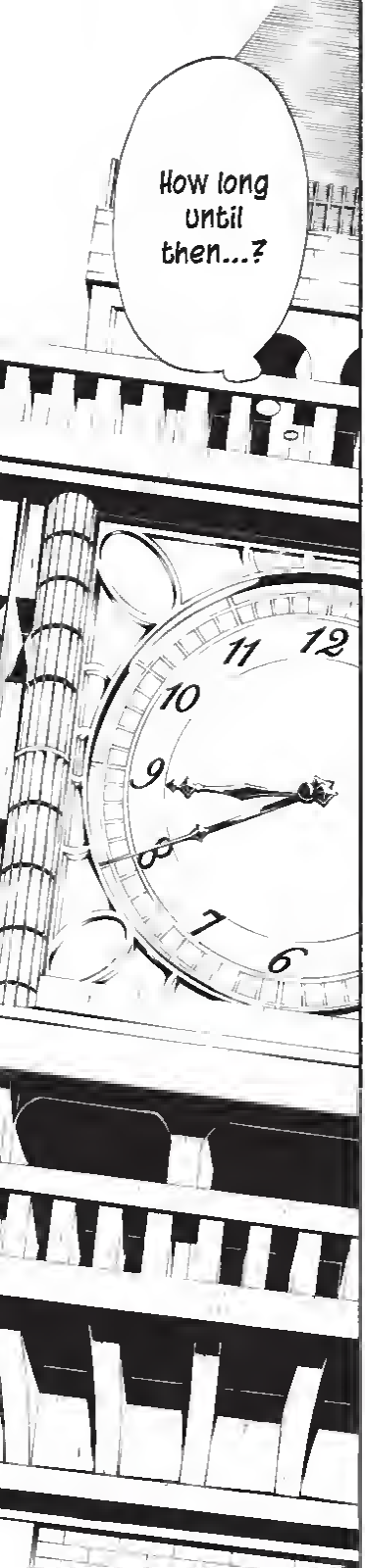
D...DAM-MIT...
That was artificial respiration! Wajima-kun nearly drowned!
WOOHOO
...
H-hey! Don't talk like that!!
GYA
HA
I bet it was your first time, too!
Oh come on, who drowns in a little 25M pool?!
He did it on purpose!
I'M NEVER GONNA LIVE THIS DOWN...
I can imagine the class reunion.
CLATTER
Sh-shut up...!
Stop it! All of you!!

...Ganging up on someone to make fun of their mistakes and flaws...
Isn't that how bullying starts?
HUSH...
Uh...
Miki...
Come on, guys...

Did you already forget... that one of our first-years killed himself?
I could let him do it on your head!
Heh heh heh
Erk!
This guy needs to poop, so I'm gonna go tie him up outside!
ARF!!
What?!
Kikuchi-sensei!
GASP
Huh...? Y-yes?
...
...
...That...
What...? But...
That's okay, Miki! It doesn't bother me.
CLUTTER
W... wait, Takeru?
ZOOM
BOW WOW!
The nerve! I would never defecate outdoors. .
...
SQUEEZE
Kikuchi-sensei! Can I bring a cat?
Me too, Me too!

I have Math first period, English second period.
Then I have social studies, and after that I'm going to the pool for PE.
When that's done, I'll come back to give you some lunch, so you be a good dog and wait here.
...
Watson.
This morning... you said the boy who killed himself was your teacher's son.
You were referring to Karen Kikuchi, were you not?
...
Yeah... But I'm the only one in class who knows that.
That's why I freaked out earlier.
She said she saved you from drowning.
Sen... sei...?
COUGH
!!
Kikuchi-sensei was the first person to notice I was drowning...
Wajima-kun, stay with us!
Wajima-kun!
Next thing I knew, I was unconscious. Ah ha ha...
Yeah... I can't swim, but I jumped in anyway. Trying to show off.
...
DUN

Waaaah! Thank goodness you're alive!
She's a good teacher.
She really cares about her students.
But then...
Bullying Leads to Suicide. School Covers It Up.
...
What are you muttering to yourself about, Takeru?
GULP
ぎく
You're going to leave the little puppy here? Will he be okay?
I'm sorry I pulled your tail!
WHIMPER...
YOINK
M...Miki...
Yo!
Pleased to meet you. I'm Miki Arisaka.
He's so cute!! Is this the new family member you were talking about?
What...what else can I do?
If I take him home, he'll be back at the shelter in no time.
Oh, a hello kiss? Well then...
WHINE WHINE
She doesn't understand you!
What's your name, Puppy? Mmmwah!
...!!
The pleasure is mine. I am Sherlock Holmes!
ARF
ARF
...



He has four classes.

Dogs do not have good eyesight.

So I must wait here until the clock chimes eight times...

SNATCH

Class is starting, Miki.

TCH...

PLOP

See you at lunch, Sherdog!

...That's Sher-lock.

His name is Sherdog?

GULP

Ah, love.

Just— just shut up!

And unre-quited, I see.

DAH

Sigh...

My pipe...

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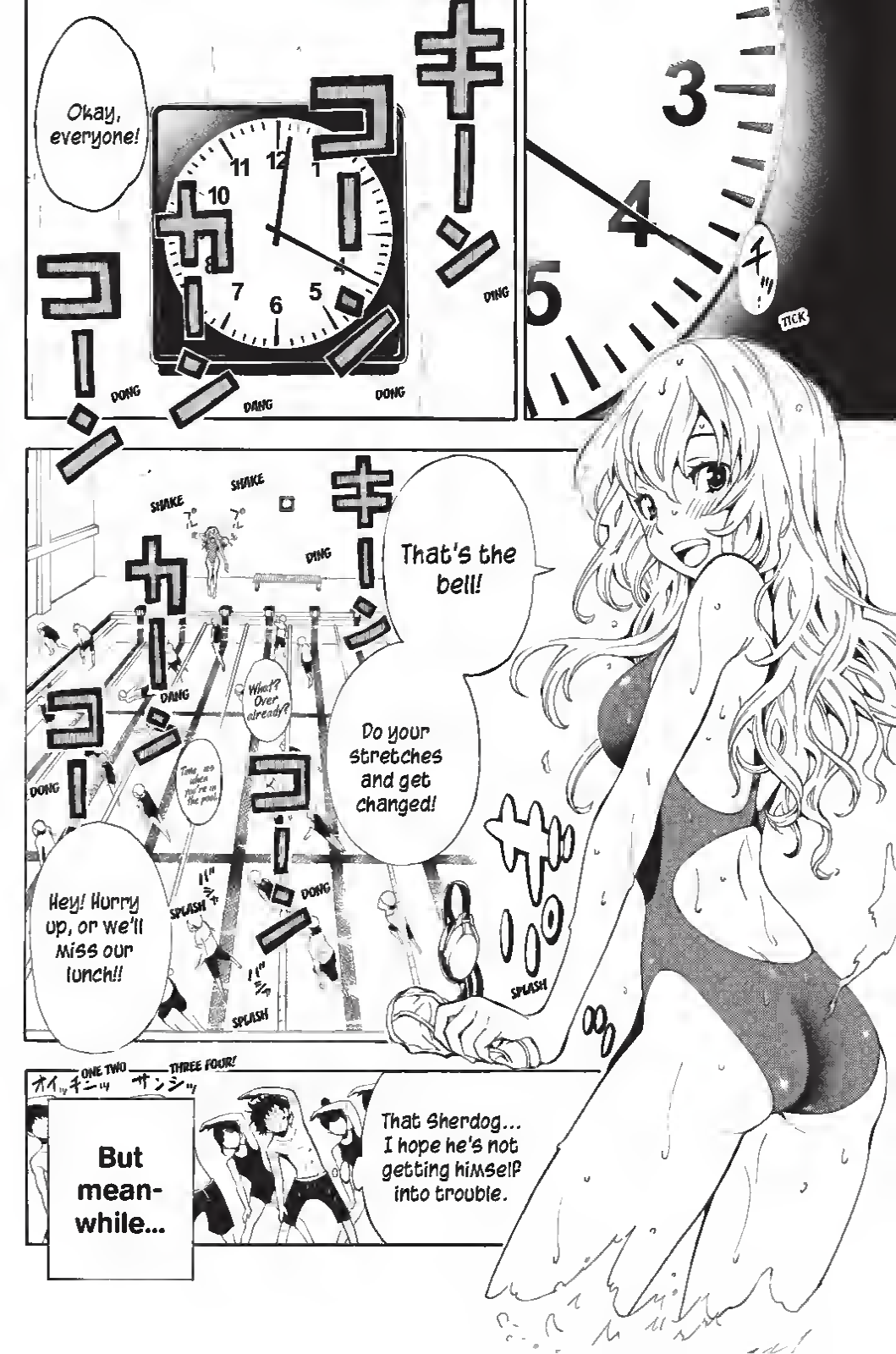
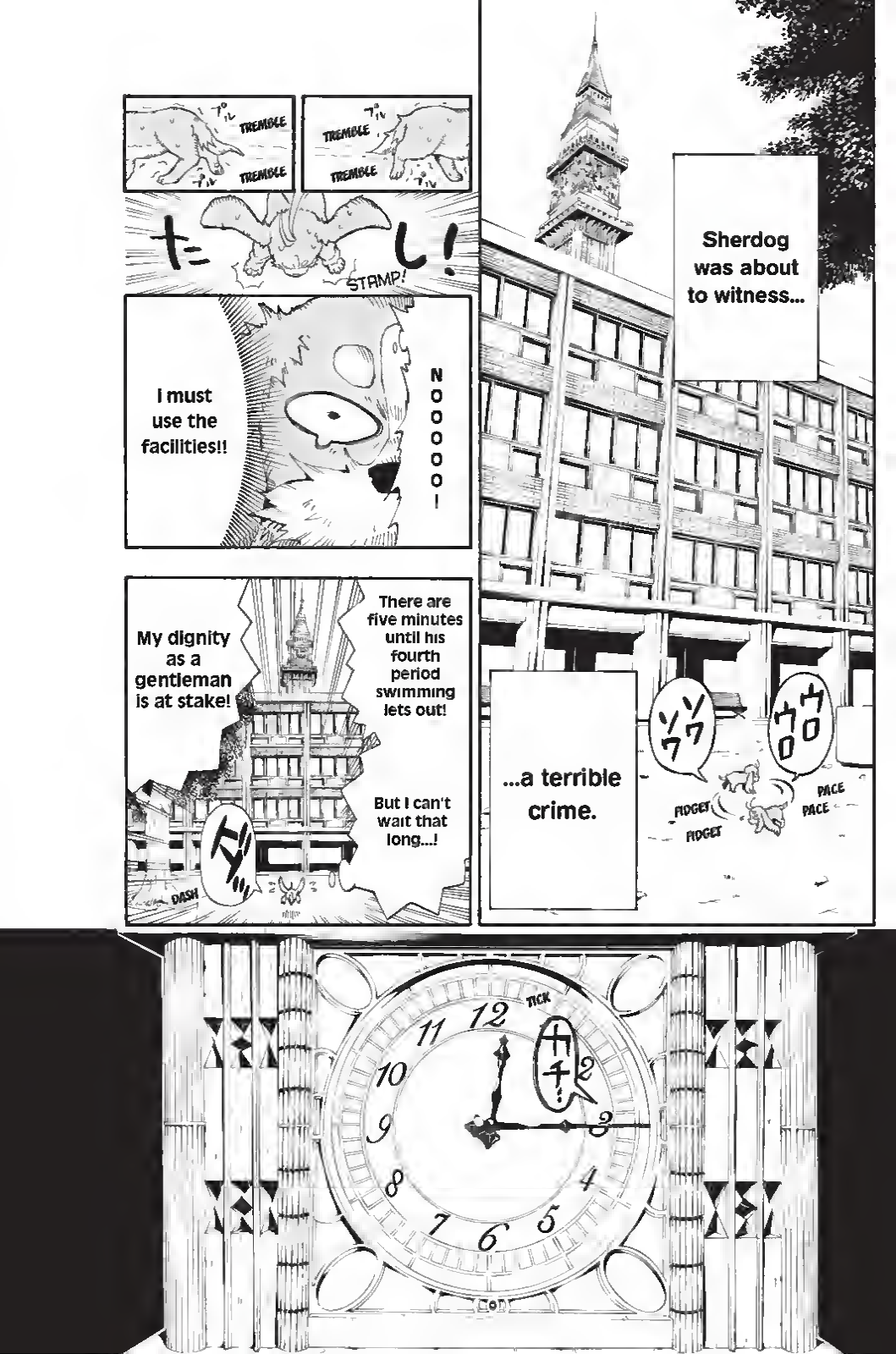

Okay, everyone!
キーン コーン カーン コーン
DING DONG DING DONG
TICK
That's the bell!
Do your stretches and get changed!
Hey! Hurry up, or we'll miss our lunch!!
SHAKE
SHAKE
DING
DING
DONG
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
But mean-while...
ONE TWO THREE FOUR!
That Sherdog... I hope he's not getting himself into trouble.


TREMBLE
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STAMP!
I must use the facilities!!
NOOOOOO!
Sherdog was about to witness...
...a terrible crime.
FIDGET
FIDGET
PACE
PACE
My dignity as a gentleman is at stake!
There are five minutes until his fourth period swimming lets out!
But I can't wait that long...!
DASH
TICK

Oh!
HEF
HEF
HEF
An English gentleman does not do his business outdoors!
Argh! Where is the lavatory?!
SCAMPER
SCAMPER
HHNCE
ZSH
!!
Here we are...
Aah, relief...
SCAMPER
SCAMPER
So who would be here...?
Class...should still be in session.

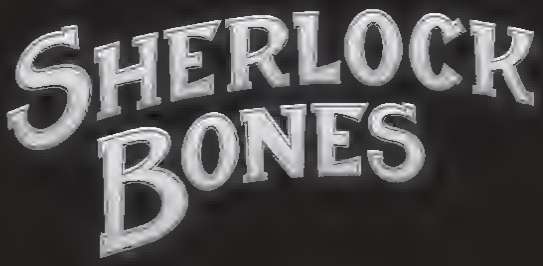
...
...
...
SQUEAK
TODDLE
TODDLE
TODDLE
Hm?
But I thought she was teaching a swimming class...
That's Takeru's teacher.

WINCE
ヒィ
!?!
...
...
SMILE
ニコ

I sensed extreme malice.
What was that...?
And...
BAM
I smelled blood!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TEP
TEP
TEP
DRIP

Th...
This...
This cannot be...
The chime rang at the end of class,
DDNG
DING
DANG
Wha–?!!
Announcing the beginning of a mystery to be solved.

Killed him?!
The woman teacher
DING
DONG
DONG
DANG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